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HEREWITH FULL TEXT NBC TODAY SHOW INTERVIEW MAY 19 WITH
MENACHEM BEGIN.

BEGIN TEXT:

DELANEY: MR. BEGIN, WERE YOU FRANKLY SURPRISED BY THE
SPREAD BETWEEN THE LIKUD AND THE LABOR ALIGNMENT?

BEGIN: YES, I WAS TAKEN BY SURPRISE BY THE CONCRETE
RESULTS. I CONTENDED ALL THE TIME DURING THE ELECTION
CAMPAIGN THAT WE HAVE A CHANCE TO COME OUT THE FIRST PARTY.
BUT I DID NOT ANTICIPATE THE MARGIN WILL BE AS IT IS NOW
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BETWEEN THE LIKUD AND THE ALIGNMENT TO THE BENEFIT OF THE
LIKUD.

DELANEY: YOU SAID THE WEST BANK TERRITORIES ARE NOT
NEGOTIABLE, NO MORE THAN JERUSALEM IS. WOULD THAT STAND
TO PUT YOU IN CONFLICT WITH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT?

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BEGIN: MY BELIEF IS THAT THE ARABS WILL MAKE PEACE WITH US IN GOD'S GOOD TIME IF AND WHEN THEY REACH THE CONCLUSION THAT THEY CANNOT DESTROY ISRAEL. IF WE SHOULD GIVE UP JUDEA AND SAMARIA, THEIR BELIEF WILL BE TO THE CONTRARY -- THAT ONE DAY THEY WILL DESTROY ISRAEL. BECAUSE WE WILL BE FOURTEEN, FIFTEEN, TWENTY KILOMETERS FROM THE SEASHORE, AND ALL OUR CITIES AND TOWNS, ALL OUR CIVILIAN POPULATION WILL BE IN THE RANGE OF THEIR ARTILLERY. SO THEY WILL BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN BOMBARD US, KILL OUR PEOPLE, OUR WOMEN AND CHILDREN. THEY WILL NEVER MAKE PEACE WITH US. THEREFORE, I BELIEVE THAT WHAT WE STAND FOR ACTUALLY GUARDS THE CHANCE FOR PEACE, AND TO THE CONTRARY, THOSE WHO ARE READY TO GIVE UP JUDEA AND SAMARIA BURY THE CHANCE OF PEACE.

DELANEY: WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN TO THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN JUDEA AND SAMARIA, THE ARAB POPULATION THERE --

BEGIN: WE GIVE THEM FREE OPTION -- CITIZENSHIP. IF THEY WANT ISRAELI CITIZENSHIP THEY WILL GET IT FROM OUR GOVERNMENT. WE GIVE THEM CULTURAL AUTONOMY, EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN IN THEIR HERITAGE AND THEIR LANGUAGE, IN THEIR RELIGION, HUMAN ADVANCEMENT, ECONOMIC PROGRESS. WE WANT TO LIVE WITH THEM IN DECENCY, IN HUMAN DECENCY, AND EQUALITY OF RIGHTS, IN LIBERTY. BUT BASICALLY WE CAN LIVE TOGETHER. IF YOU GO TO JUDEA AND SAMARIA, YOU WILL FIND EMPTY ROADS. YOU WON'T FIND OUR ARMY THERE AT ALL. IT IS A SO-CALLED OCCUPATION. IT IS NOT AT ALL. AND THIS PROCESS OF LIVING TOGETHER - A JEWISH MAJORITY
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AND AN ARAB MINORITY IN EQUALITY OF RIGHTS AND IN HUMAN DECENCY - SHOULDN'T BE INTERFERED WITH. LET US GIVE IT A CHANCE.

EVERY FREE MAN BELIEVES THAT IN A COUNTRY, IN A FREE COUNTRY, A MAJORITY AND A MINORITY CAN LIVE TOGETHER OF VARIOUS ORIGINS.

DELANEY: YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ANNEXATION.

BEGIN: ABOUT?

DELANEY: ANNEXATION.

BEGIN: NOT AT ALL. YOU ANNEX FOREIGN LANDS, YOU DON'T ANNEX YOUR OWN COUNTRY.

DELANEY: WELL, ARE YOU TALKING THEN ABOUT SOME KIND OF FORMAL PASSAGE OF A LAW WHICH WOULD IN EFFECT INCORPORATE

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THESE AREAS, FORMALLY, INTO ISRAEL?

BEGIN: THIS IS THE POLICY WE BELIEVE IN. WE DON'T MAKE ANY SECRET OF IT. BUT, I SUPPOSE, SINCE YESTERDAY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD HEARD OUR STATEMENTS ABOUT JUDEA AND SAMARIA. WE DON'T MAKE ANY SECRETS ABOUT IT. IT'S A RIGHT POLICY, A JUST POLICY. THIS IS THE LAND, THE LAND OF OUR FOREFATHERS. WE DIDN'T TAKE ANYTHING AWAY FROM ANYBODY. PRESIDENT CARTER, WHO KNOWS BY HEART THE BIBLE, SHOULD KNOW TO WHOM THIS LAND BELONGS. OTHERWISE, WE ARE INTRUDERS HERE. WHY DID WE COME HERE? WE ARE INTRUDERS EVEN IN TEL AVIV - WE ARE NOT. WE ARE NEITHER IN TEL AVIV NOR (UNINTELLIGIBLE), NEITHER IN JAFFA NOR IN JERICO. IT'S OUR LAND. THE LAND BELONGING IS A PRIDE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE.

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THE ARAB'S DON'T RECOGNIZE IT FOR THE TIME BEING. IT'S TOO BAD. ONE DAY THEY WILL. AND I BELIEVE THERE WILL BE PEACE. END TEXT.

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